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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Reiner HAMMERICH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2191  
Application No.: 10/676,825 ) Examiner: Pham, Thai V.  
Filed: September 30, 2003 )  
For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS ) Confirmation No.: 3059  
)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.